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Dear Josh:

I may have waited longer than I should to reply to your offer, but as you know, this means an important decision for me and my wife. I would like to come if you still wish me to do so.

The problem you propose sounds fine, but I would like to know more about it in outline. Can you tell me something of the nature of the post? Whether it is supported by outside funds, or is a university appointment, and if the latter, whether there is any prospect of promotion, should it last for more than a year? I would like to know also whether there is any prospect of more than a year's employment. The times are so uncertain that I would like to look forward to an extension, should this prove necessary or preferable.

Elizabeth has applied for a teaching assistantship in Zoology. She is graduating this year with honors and I believe would prove satisfactory. Her continuing in school will be conditioned by what employment she can find. Do you know anything of the probabilities of her getting work of this kind? She wants to continue for the doctorate in some phase of ecology or physiology of warm bloods.

I hope that my tardiness in replying to your offer has not made arrangements difficult.

Very truly yours,



R.P. Levine